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PENDING A COMPLETE expert investigation, under council's direction, of Mr. Scranton's proposition to sell his electric light plant, it may be interesting to note that expert authority, reviewing this same subject in Philadelphia, contends in spite of an adverse councilman's report that that city could save the cost of a similar plant in three years. If slow Philadelphia could do this in three years, could not rapid Scranton, with its abundant fuel, do the same thing, if it chose, in two?

The Need of Patriotism.
Last Wednesday evening, at the dinner of the Loyal Legion in Delmonico's, in New York, Archbishop Ireland delivered an oration on the "Ireland and Valus of Patriotism" which ought to be read by every American. Of all the discussions of this theme that we have heard his is the most accurate, eloquent and genuinely patriotic. Something of his lofty temper and liberal tone may be gleaned from the epigrams culled from it in another column; but apart from these gems of sentiment and rhetoric, its practical treatment of grave present problems makes it truly memorable. The archbishop plants himself squarely on a platform of unwavering faith in the Republic of America:

New conditions, indeed, confront us; new perils menace us, in a population bordering on the hundred million and prepared quickly to leap beyond this figure, in phantoms and unwieldy giant, on the generations, in that unbridled luxury of living consequent on vast material prosperity, which in all times has been dreaded for its liberty. It is not necessary for us to part to any all force to the objections which are put to us. . . . But I have faith in the providence of God and the progress of humanity. I will not believe that liberty is a permanent gift, and it were not, if America fell. I have faith in the powerful and loyal national heart of America, which clings fast to liberty, and honors or later rights wrong and ignominious evils. I have no fears. Clouds cross the heavens; soon a burst of sunlight dispels them. Different interests of society are out of joint with one another, and the social organism is feverish; it is simply the effort toward new adjustments; in a little while there will be order and peace. Threatening social and political evils are near, and are seemingly insurmountable; the American people are conscientiously patient; but ere long the national heart is roused, and the evils, however formidable they may appear, go down before the trend of an indignant people.

Coming from this broad platform to a consideration of the methods of warding off discernible coming evils, the archbishop contends first that there is danger in the ignorance of voters. "As a rule, the man who does not read and write intelligently cannot vote intelligently. Americans need to have laws in every state which will punish, as guilty of crime against the country, the parent who neglects to send his children to school." Another danger is in corrupt morals. "A people without good morals is incapable of self-government. At the basis of the proper exercise of the suffrage lie usefulness and the spirit of sacrifice. A corrupt man is selfish; an appeal to duty finds no response in his conscience; he is incapable of the high-mindedness and generosity which are the elements of patriotism; he is ready to sell the country for puff or pleasure. Patriotism takes alarm at the spread of intemperance, lasciviousness, dishonesty, perjury; for country's sake it should arm against those dire evils all the country's forces, its legislatures, its courts, and, above all else, public opinion."

Continuing, the speaker said:
Empires and monarchies rely upon sword and cannon; republics upon the citizen's respect for law. "Laws law be sacred and free government will not endure. Laws may be repealed through constitutional means, but while they are inscribed on the statute book they should be observed. The lowering of the dignity of law, by God, teaching or connivance, is treason. Anarchical explosions, mob riots, lynchings, shake the pillars of the commonwealth; other violations of law, the determined defiance of municipal and state authority by the liquor traffic, the stealthy avoidance of payment of taxes and other duties, near the conscience and target a fatal habit of disobedience. A law-abiding people only is worthy of liberty and capable of guarding its treasures. The suffrage is the power of life or death over the state. The chief motive in its use is the public good, to which private and party interests should be always sacrificed. The voter making misuse of the trust deserves to be disfranchised; the man who wastes his vote to defeat a popular will, deserves to be proscribed. The public official is appointed for the people's good, and is sworn to work for it; if he proscribes his office, legislative or executive, to enrich himself or his friends, he has "sold his country for gold," and he is a traitor. The distribution of office or administrative power should be based on fitness; the spoils system in politics inevitably leads to public corruption, treachery and unsafe administration and the ultimate foundering of the ship of state.

Finally, as the highest expression of wisdom in this most notable address, we beg our readers to read with care the calm and superior manner in which Archbishop Ireland dismisses current attempts to incite harmful strife among followers of different faiths:

Storms are passing over the land, arising from sectarian hatred, and animosity or foreign prejudices. These are scarcely to be heeded; they cannot last. Day by day the spirit of Americanism waxes strong; narrowness of thought and legislative or administrative strife cannot resist its influence. The country is America; only they who are loyal to her can be allowed to live under her flag; and they who are loyal to her may enjoy all her liberties and rights. Freedom of religion is accorded by the constitution; religion is put outside State action, and most wisely so; therefore, the religion of the citizen must not be considered by voter or executive officer. The oath of allegiance to the country makes the man a citizen; if that allegiance is not pious and sincere, it is not to be considered if it is to be an American. Discriminations and segregations in civil or political matters, on lines of religion, of birthplace or of race, or of language—and, I add, or of color—are un-American and wrong. Compel all to be Americans, in soul as well as in name; and, then, let the standard of their value be their American citizenship.

In this day of seething political fermentation, materializing in rank debilitations of anarchy, riot, demagogism, and ill-tempered debates, when section opposes itself to section in a contest of selfish interests and when legislative preference is bought and sold in thinly disguised barter, it is refreshing to read sentiments like those we have quoted; to read them with the feeling that they are candid and sincere; that they are the honest outpourings of a real patriot, whose blade on the battle field fought for the same freedom that his tongue has defended in pulpit and on a rostrum.

They have seemingly forgotten not only your name, but your very existence; and when you try to prove your identity they rub their eyes and say, "You are not here." Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Do you tell me that you have been a worker for years, president of the board of control and a well known lawyer, and have helped a number of the high officials to their positions? You don't say? Well, I hope to see you some future day and will be glad to talk about anything, or other. Sorry I'm so busy. Good day. Come in after the convention and I'll have more time." I say it must be a blow, and seems to me I'd be thankful I was left out of the deal and I'd go home and tend to my own business at the old stand and wait for time's consolation.

For revenge doesn't pay, you know. It's all very well to sputter around and make a general row and tell that you're going to smash things, but after all it doesn't pay. Leave it for some other fellow. There never was a truer proverb than "Curses like chickens come home to roost." And the other, "All things come round to him who will but wait" is like unto it. I know. Wasn't there a sneaking, good for nothing little mix who used to be in the same school, and didn't she go to the boy like and tell him that I'd been getting lots of notes and candy from another boy, and didn't the boy I liked give me back the little box with a curl of my hair that I gave him, and transfer his carnation ring and his affections to her just as she had planned? And didn't I refrain from scratching her eyes and telling her that she never dared her stockings, but wore 'em full of holes, and didn't she just a month or so ago go down to Danville and get the small pox and ugly scars all over her pretty face?

Tell you what it is, you politicians, if you take my advice you'll not go around threatening to kill somebody in case you weren't in the deal this spring. You'll forget all about it, or else do like ex-City Solicitor Burns and just "hide your time."

As I said the other day, I bear a good many things up in our office; sometimes what is told there is worth hearing; often it isn't. Last week I heard something which set me to thinking. It was about our High School. A man, who I suppose is moral enough, but who has never been accused of over-sensitiveness, remarked to my employer, "I don't know what you think about it, but it seems to me that the erection of a new High School is pretty expensive in many ways. I had a daughter a student this year in the High School, I should fear that the new project would be expensive not only in a money sense, but in the possible loss to my daughter of her maidenly modesty and delicacy of mind. I don't think a High School should be situated where the young girls can congregate at its doors in immediate proximity to doors of public business places which are entered solely by men. The entrances of men's offices are not suitable for entrances also to school rooms where girls are brought. No matter how perfectly proper the business places, no matter how irrefragable the man who frequent them, a young school girl is liable to have a portion at least of her delicate blooming innocence and modesty brushed, if ever so lightly, away. This will with no fault of the girl, who may be subjected not only to the respectable glances of honorable men which never delight, but also to the insulting stare of the ruffian to whom, too, are the doors of public places open."

THE NEED OF PATRIOTISM.
Beautiful Truths culled from an Oration by Archbishop Ireland.
Next to God is country, and next to religion is patriotism.
America is the country of human dignity and human liberty.
The age of the democracy must, for its own protection, be an age of religion.
The safety of the Republic lies in the vigilance and active patriotism of the American people, which will quickly see the dangers to popular government and will quickly work to ward them off.
In America all men are civilly and politically equal; all have the same rights; all wield the same arm of defense and conquest; the suffrage; and the sole condition of rights and of power is simple manhood.
The God-given mission of the Republic of America is not only to its own people; it is to all the people of the earth, before whose eyes it is the symbol of human rights and human liberty, toward whom its flag flutters hopes of future happiness for themselves.
Who will say that there is no work for patriots in days of peace? If it be not to be so courageous in war, it needs to be more watchful and enduring; for the evils against which it contends in peace are more menacing, more stealthy in the advance, more delusive in the attack.
America born into the family of nations in these latter times is the highest blow in humanity's evolution, the crowning effort of the race in the attainment of manhood. Unless we take her in the attitude we do not comprehend her; we belittle her towering stature, and conceal the singular design of Providence in her creation.
Humility, under the spell of heavenly memories, never ceases to dream of glory and to aspire to its possession. Now and then, here and there, its refreshing breeze caressed humanity's brow. But not until the Star Spangled Banner rose toward the skies, was liberty caught up in humanity's embrace, and embodied in a great and abiding nation.
The sweet religion of Christ proclaimed along the doctrine of the common vote intelligently. Americans understand the necessity of popular instruction, and spare no expense in spreading it. They cannot be too zealous in the matter. They need to have laws in every state, which will punish, as guilty of crime against the country, the parent who neglects to send his children to school.
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Some DISSATISFACTION is expressed in a Wilkes-Barre free lance newspaper because at the Scranton's Elks' recent entertainment of visiting brethren from Luzerne there was a tendency toward oratorical pleasantry, at Wilkes-Barre's expense. Had the local entertainers been serious, they would not have referred to Wilkes-Barre, since, so far as Scranton is concerned, it is not in evidence. The jovial admission of Wilkes-Barre as a theme of amiable allusion was in itself a tribute which the majority of visitors no doubt appreciated. Inasmuch, however, as the Wilkes-Barre sensibility is a fearful and wonderful trait, it might possibly have been better to have taken no chances.

No GOOD reason has yet been offered why the controllership law should not apply as well to counties having under 150,000 inhabitants as to counties having more than that population. An efficient, non-partisan scrutiny of public accounts is equally as desirable in small counties as it is in large ones. An amendment making the controllership feature general, or, at least, broadening its application, would command much popular strength.

THROUGH Womanly Eyes.
From what I gather from the remarks overheard in our office the politicians aren't all happy. Some of them who expected to have the places on the slate, if that's what they call the thing somebody's always breaking, tendered them by exclamations (I'm not sure about that either), are greatly astonished because no such intentions are apparent. It must be a terrible blow to their faith in human nature and in the belief that "merit wins" and "he sure your worth will seek you out" and all the other copy book fables of your youth, to have been certain that your fellow citizens wanted you with a soulful yearning for county treasurer or sheriff or something and then to discover that

our silts and heartiness—pro aris et foveis. Without there is no safety for life or property, no opportunities of development and progress. All that the country is, she makes ours. We are wise of her wisdom, rich of her opulence, resplendent of her glory, strong of her fortitude. At once the prisoner Paul rose to eminence and obtained respect from Palestinian Jews and Roman soldiers when he proudly announced that he was a citizen of Rome, CIVIS ROMANUS. And today how significant the world over are the words: "I am a citizen of America, CIVIS AMERICANUS!"

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